

National Park Sites and Related Areas in and near Illinois

Illinois

Abraham Lincoln Home National Historic Site and National Heritage Area
(Springfield)

Pullman National Monument (Chicago)

Chicago Portage National Historic Site (Chicago)

Illinois and Michigan National Historic Corridor (Chicago to LaSalle)

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (Camp River Dubois in Hartford)

Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail (Nauvoo)

Adjoining States

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (St. Louis)

Ulysses Grant National Historic Site (St. Louis)

Effigy Mounds National Monument (Harpers Ferry, Iowa)

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site (West Branch, Iowa)

Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area (many sites in Iowa)

Ice Age National Scientific Reserve and Ice Age Historic Trail (Wisconsin)

George Rogers Clark National Historical Park (Vincennes, Indiana)

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (northern Indiana)

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial (Lincoln City, Indiana)

Other Sites on Lakes Michigan and Superior

Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore (Empire, Michigan)

Father Marquette National Memorial (St. Ignace, Michigan)

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (Munising, Michigan)

Keweenaw National Historic Park (Keweenaw peninsula, Michigan)

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (from Bayfield, Wisconsin)

Isle Royale National Park (Michigan)

Early Arguments for National Parks

1. American nationalism – the United States could not compete with the human constructions and history of Europe.
2. The American West with its grandeur – unlike any places most people had ever seen or heard about
3. Monumentalism – (e.g., Yellowstone was huge -3,300 square miles)
4. Freaks of nature – appreciation more of oddities than of nature generally
5. Fear of mismanagement of private interests – stemming particularly from the bad example at Niagara Falls
6. Worthless lands – sites of no economic value
7. Railroad promotions
8. “See America First” campaigns
9. Emergence of interest in any special places for recreation use

Units of the National Park Service

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International Historic Site	1	National Lakeshores	4
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National Military Parks	9	National Reserves	2
National Battlefields	11	Other	11
National Battlefield Site	1		
		417 sites	84,400,000 acres

Related Areas

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